

# FAST FACTS

*A message for health care providers*

## Needle Access and Disposal

### What is ESAP?

The Expanded Syringe Access Program (ESAP) allows for the sale or furnishing of up to ten hypodermic needles and syringes at a time without a prescription to persons 18 years of age or older. ESAP is a public health measure to prevent the spread of blood borne diseases, most notably HIV and hepatitis B and C.

### Who can provide needles?

A licensed pharmacy, a licensed health care facility, or a health care practitioner who is otherwise authorized to prescribe the use of hypodermic needles or syringes within his/her scope of practice may provide needles or syringes through ESAP, if they have registered with the NYSDOH. For registration and additional information go to

[www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/harm\\_reduction/needles\\_syringes/esap/providers.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/harm_reduction/needles_syringes/esap/providers.htm).

### What is SEAD?

The Erie County Syringe Expanded Access and Disposal (SEAD) program is a collaboration between the ECDOH and medical, business, sanitation, law enforcement, pharmacy, spiritual, government, medical and lay partners. The program was created to help individuals safely dispose of used needles, syringes & lancets free of charge.

### Where can individuals dispose of used needles?

Disposal kiosks are set up in many Kmart pharmacies, ECDOH clinic sites, diabetes specialty centers and various community based organizations. These kiosks are manned by appropriate personnel at each site. For a listing of disposal sites and more information about SEAD, go to

[www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=needle-disposal-amp-access](http://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=needle-disposal-amp-access).

Additionally, the ECDOH provides sharps containers, at no charge, to individuals. To obtain containers or set up a kiosk at your site, please call the ECDOH at (716) 858-7695.



Disposal Kiosk

### Resources

ECDOH SEAD [www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=needle-disposal-amp-access](http://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=needle-disposal-amp-access)

NYSDOH ESAP [www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/harm\\_reduction/needles\\_syringes/esap/providers.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/harm_reduction/needles_syringes/esap/providers.htm)

Medication Disposal [www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=prescription-drug-drop-events](http://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=prescription-drug-drop-events)

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